

## SBA Success Story: Abacus Legal Documents Services, Inc.



**Moira S. Brennan, Esq.**

In the fall of 2003, during her second year of law school, Moira S. Brennan, Esq. decided to take advantage of her paralegal experience and start her business, Abacus Legal Documents Services. She had worked with a family law firm and had practical experience in that area. At that time she could not provide legal advice, but she could help her clients by completing the confusing legal forms associated with dissolutions. Ms. Brennan recently graduated law school and as a brand new attorney, is expanding her services to include Estate Planning. She is now preparing wills, trusts and advanced directives.

Ms. Brennan recently utilized the proceeds from an SBA guaranteed loan to purchase office equipment and supplies, which will allow her to offer a higher quality of products and services to her clients. She has also taken advantage of the counseling and training programs offered through the SBA's resource partners. When she first started her business she sought and received guidance from the Women's Business Center of California (WBCC) in low to no cost advertising, attended some of their training programs and was able to network with other women in business for useful suggestions and practical support. In addition, SCORE Counselors to America's Small Business reviewed her business plan and provided useful feedback that she greatly appreciated.

Ms. Brennan's business sprang from a desire to assist people who could not afford expensive legal representation. She brings integrity and heart to her business and enjoys helping those in need. In addition to donating her time and services to some clients who were really in need of legal services and had no funds to pay, she has also donated an estate planning package to her church fundraiser for auction and contributes her time and writing skills to the Lawyers Club of San Diego, as a member of the editorial board for its newsletter.

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